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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PLOS, ENRG, TS, LI, MT
SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN BOUNDARY DISPUTE - DRILLING BY
J.W. BATES

REF: (A) TRIPOLI 0959, (B) TUNIS 5040,

1. READING AND BATES MANAGER OF "J.W. BATES", IN MALTA ON LEAVE, HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT "J.W. BATES" WOULD PROBABLY TERMINATE WORK ON D-2 WELL WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. HOWEVER, THIS PERIOD COULDS BE EXTENDED IF LAR REQUESTS ADDITIONAL TESTING.
2. FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF WORK ON D-2 WELL, THE "J.W. BATES" IS UNDER CONTRACT TO DRILL IN LAR WATERS SOME FIFTY MILES EAST OF D-2, ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE. (EMBOFF LED TO BELIEVE THAT LAR ENTICED READING AND BATES TO DRILL D-2 WELL IN DISPUTED ZONE BY AWARDED THEM CONTRACTS TO DRILL SOME EIGHT ADDITIONAL WELLS IN NON-DISPUTED AREA, UNDER SAME TERMS AS D-2 CONTRACT.)
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3. NO CONFIRMED INFORMATION OBTAINABLE REGARDING RESULTS OF DRILLING, BUT RUMORS HERE ARE THAT THE APPROXIMATE DEPTH OF D-2 IS 14,000 FEET AND THAT THE WELL IS DRY.
4. SAME SOURCE STATED THAT TUNISIAN AUTHORITIES WERE IN CONTACT WITH "J.W. BATES" LAST WEEK, BUT ONLY TO MAKE

POLITE INQUIRIES REGARDING WHEN THE RIG WAS EXPECTED TO DEPART.
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